

I would like to lend my support to the National Do Not Call List. We are harassed seven days a week (yes, even Sunday), several times every day by telemarketers trying to sell us things in which we are not interested. As a busy homeschooling mom, it is frustrating to be working with my children on their lessons, only to have some drone rattle off two minutes of rhetoric. To make things worse, they sit there and argue with me when I tell them that I am not interested. This kind of intrusion would not be allowed in public school classrooms or corporate board meetings. Is it reasonable that I should be targeted for this harassment just because I am in my own home all day? I realize that I have the power to just hang up on them, but I am finding that that does not do the trick. And trying to keep track of every company that is calling, writing down their information, sending letters warning of lawsuits, etc., is time that I would rather spend with my family. I truly feel that these calls are invading our privacy. I don't share my phone number with just anyone, only the people that I want to hear from.

I would like to see all telemarketing stop completely. No more telemarketing calls, including companies I have done business with. If I am interested in finding out about new services or products, I will research them on the internet where I can get the information I need to make an informed decision myself. This should obviously include prerecorded calls, hang-up calls, and tax-exempt callers. I am in a very happy relationship with my husband, and I really don't enjoy having someone yell in my ear about how they can set me up with "the perfect match". We are also very picky about where we give our money. We are not cold hearted, but we would much rather give our money directly to a family in need, that we know, with a daughter who has cancer, than to some publishing company that will send us so-called "free subscriptions" to magazines that we do not read, if we support children's cancer research. It just doesn't make any sense.

I am all for capitalism and obtaining the American dream, but not at the expense of other hard working families. I would prefer to see these companies listen to their consumers instead of having to get the federal government involved. Unfortunately, they are showing that they have no conscience. My hope is that, with the threat of government intervention, they will reconsider how they do business.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
~Lisa Sanders